

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

The above identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and reexamination are hereby requested.

Claims 1, 6 and 7 are now in the application. Claims 2 – 5 and 8 have been previously cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Nakao et al. The Examiner indicates the Nakao et al. reference to a 70nm retardation in the black state takes into account only the retardation of the liquid crystal layer itself and that when the retardation of the liquid crystal layer is summed with the retardation of the retardation films, the retardation in the black state is 0nm, pointing to paragraph [0014]. As such, the Examiner concludes that the Nakao et al. summed retardations fall within the ranges of then pending Claim 1.

However, the Applicants' Claim 1 now calls for: ... wherein  $R_r \leq 17\text{nm}$ ,  $R_g \leq 15\text{nm}$  and  $R_b \leq 12\text{ nm}$  where  $R_r$ ,  $R_g$  and  $R_b$  are retardations of the liquid crystal layer in a black state for red, green and blue lights, respectively.

As such, the Applicants submit that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Nakao et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

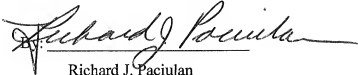
Nakao et al., while providing for a liquid crystal display and its driving method, discloses only the technical feature that retardation of the liquid crystal layer in a black state is 70nm. (See paragraph [0013] from Nakao et al. provided below).

[0013] As mentioned previously, the liquid crystal has given retardation as the result of modulation according to the image to be displayed. By way of example, in white display, the liquid crystal 5 has retardation of 345 nm, while in black display, the liquid crystal 5 has retardation of 70 nm.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Nakao et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

Therefore, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. As such, allowance of the above Application is requested.

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